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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO'S VERBAL REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE YUAN FEBRUARY 27 STRESSED IMPORTANCE CLOSE ROC-U.S. RELATIONS IN MAINTAINING ASIA PEACE AND SECURITY. "BOTH BENEFIT FROM AN ALLIANCE; EACH SUFFERS FROM ISOLATION," HE SAID ACCORDING CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY (CNA). HOWEVER, LOCAL PAPERS REPORTED HIM COVERING SOME ADDITIONAL GROUND IN HIS REPORT AND IN SUBSEQUENT INTERPELLATION WHICH NOT CONTAINED IN CNA VERSION, INCLUDING: (1) ACCUSTATION OF SPECIOUS HYPOCRISY ON THE PART OF THE WORLD MEDIA IN ASSUMING POSSIBLE U.S. RECOGNITION OF PRC WOULD NOT HARM ROC'S INDEPENDENCE, (2) STRESS ON CORRECTING SUCH VICIOUS IDEAS WHICH ARE MERELY ANOTHER CHINESE COMMUNIST UNITED FRONT INTRIGUE AIMED AT ALIENATING U.S.-ROC COOPERATION, (3) STRONG ASSERTION ONLY SELF-DESTRUCTION WOULD RESULT FROM ANY TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE IDEA, (4) STRESS ON DEVELOPING MODERN WEAPONS TO STRENGTHEN ROC MILITARY FORCES, (5) DISAPPOINTMENT OVER UBIQUITOUS ALIEN-IDOLATRY WHICH HE SAID HAS BECOME BASIC

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PROBLEM OF ROC EDUCATION, (6) DENUNCIATION AS IMPROPER ACT

FOR CHINESE TO ADOPT FOREIGN CITIZENSHIP -- ACCORDING TO THE LARGEST CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO - 380,000) -- AND CRITICISM OF CHINESE SPEAKING ENGLISH TO EACH OTHER MERELY TO BE "FASHIONABLE," (8) UNHAPPINESS OVER THE INCREASING NUMBER OF SIGNBOARDS AND NEW BUILDINGS BEARING ENGLISH OR JAPANESE NAMES.

-- ON ENGLISH-SPEAKING ISSUE, HE REPORTEDLY LATER TOLD GROUP OF COLLEGE STUDENTS HE WAS NOT OPPOSED TO LEARNING PROPER ENGLISH BUT IT SHOULD BE USED ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES. ON FOREIGN NAME MATTER, SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION, INTERIOR AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HAD DECIDED FOREIGN NAMES WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED ON BUILDINGS OR COMMERCIAL FIRMS. NEWSPAPERS GAVE AS SOME BAD EXAMPLES: "SAKURA," "FUJI," "CHA CHA CHA," "KENNEDY" AND "APOLLO."

II. MEDIA REACTION:

-- PRESIDENT FORD'S TV INTERVIEW REMARKS ON "DETENTE" NO LONGER BEING APPLICABLE WORD PROMINENTLY PLAYED IN ALL PAPERS INCLUDING BANNERLINES IN UNITED DAILY NEWS AND THE INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO - 350,000) ALONG WITH REPORTS OF (1) STATE DEPARTMENT'S "SURPRISE" OVER REMARKS AND (2) WHITE HOUSE "CANCELLATION" OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PLANNED MOSCOW TRIP. COMMENTATORS CLEARLY SAW IT AS MAJOR CHANGE IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. EDITORIALS IN UNITED DAILY NEWS AND KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG JIH PAO - 270,000) APPLAUDED FORD'S ABANDONING DETENTE, ADDING FACTS SHOW "PRE-DETENTE" U.S. WAS TRUE SUPERPOWER WHILE "POST-DETENTE" U.S. HAS BECOME SECONDARY POWER, DEFEATED AND HUMILIATED IN INDOCHINA AND ANGOLA, ABANDONED BY ITS ALLIES WITH ITS CREDIBILITY GONE AND ITS UN LEADERSHIP DESTROYED. BOTH PAPERS HOPED FORD WOULD SEEK "PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH" AND FORGET DEFEATIST "PEACE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS" ROUTE. OTHER COMMENTATORS SAID FORD ABANDONED DETENTE DUE TO PAINFUL EXPERIENCE AND GROWING DISCONTENTMENT OVER U.S. DETENTE POLICY AMONG REPUBLICAN PARTY LEADERS AS WELL AS AMONG AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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III. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- REFLECTING ADDITIONAL WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN THE POST'S SERIES OF U.S. ELECTION '76 FACT SHEETS (DETAILS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT) BASED ON IPS WIRELESS FILE, TUNGSHAI UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED MULTIPLE COPIES OF BACK AND FUTURE COPIES TO BE USED BY SENIOR POLITICAL

SCIENCE STUDENTS.

-- THE CAO SHOWED THE IMV: REFLECTIONS FILM MARGARET MEADE TO DIRECTOR AND FACULTY OF ETHNOLOGY INSTITUTE AT ACADEMIA SINICA, MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. TWENTY-FIVE STUDENTS ALSO ON HAND TO VIEW MOVIE. FOLLOWING FILM, THE DIRECTOR, LI YI-YUAN, LAUDED THE IDEA BEHIND "REFLECTIONS" SERIES AND EXPRESSED HIS DETERMINATION TO ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE THIS TYPE OF ORAL HISTORY ON TAIWAN. DR. LI PROMISED TO DISCUSS FILM WITH STUDENTS WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE AND REPORT THEIR REACTIONS TO CAO.

-- ELECTIONS 76 PROGRAMMING CONTINUED WITH USIS TAIPEI CHINESE LANGUAGE LECTURE INTRODUCING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES BY HENRY MAO, DEAN, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF WESTERN STUDIES, TAMKANG COLLEGE. MAO CREW ON HIS OVER 20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE AS NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT FOR TAIPEI'S UNITED DAILY NEWS TO PROVIDE HIGHLY AMUSING AND INFORMATIVE SURVEY OF U.S. PARTY SYSTEM, FUNCTION OF PRIMARIES AND CAUCUS SYSTEM AS WELL AS PROFILES OF INDIVIDUAL PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS. THOUGH LECTURE LASTED OVER TWO HOURS, MAO'S PERCEPTIVE COMMENTS AND HUMOROUS ANECDOTES KEPT AUDIENCE INTEREST HIGH; VERY FEW OF SRO UNIVERSITY STUDENT AUDIENCE OF 240 LEFT EARLY. IMPACT OF MAO LECTURE ENHANCED BY LENGTHY ARTICLE HE WROTE ON NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY AND U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CARRIED IN FEBRUARY 26 ISSUE OF UDN.

-- PROGRAMMING ALISTAIR COOKE "AMERICA" SERIES CONTINUED WITH SHOWING EIGHTH EPISODE, "MONEY ON THE LAND," AT USIS TAIPEI LINCOLN CENTER FOR AUDIENCE OF 140 FEBRUARY 26 AND LATER AT BRANCH POSTS. ALL CENTER SHOWINGS ACCOMPANIED BY COMMENTARY BY AMERICAN SPEAKER.

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IN ADDITION TO CENTER SHOWINGS, TAIPEI ARRANGED TARGETED SHOWINGS TO AMERICAN STUDIES UNIVERSITY STUDENT GROUPS AS FOLLOWS: 20 GRADUATE SCHOOL OF AMERICAN STUDIES STUDENTS, TAMKANG COLLEGE; 40 HISTORY DEPARTMENT STUDENTS, FU JEN UNIVERSITY AND 10 STUDENTS FROM NTU GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HISTORY.

POST ATTEMPTED ENHANCE OVERALL USEFULNESS BY PRINTING OUTLINE OF PERIOD COVERED BY FILM FOR PRE-SHOWING DISTRIBUTION TO ALL VIEWERS.

-- CPAO SPOKE TO DINNER MEETING OF 300 TAIPEI JAYCEES FEBRUARY 29 ON "CHANGING AMERICAN ATTITUDES AND USIS PROGRAMMING." THEME THAT CURRENT PROGRAMMING REFLECTS PRESENT-DAY AMERICAN REALISTIC, PRAGMATIC VIEW CURRENT

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